

C Fund means the Common Stock Index Investment Fund established under 5 U.S.C. 8438(b)(1)(C);

CSRS means the Civil Service Retirement System established by subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, U.S.C., and any equivalent Government retirement plan;

CSRS employee means any employee covered by CSRS or any equivalent Government retirement plan;

Election period means the last calendar month of an open season and is the earliest period in which an election to make or change a contribution during that open season can become effective;

Employee contributions means any contributions made under 5 U.S.C. 8432(a) or 5 U.S.C. 8351(a);

Employer contributions means Government basic contributions and Government matching contributions;

FERS means the Federal Employees' Retirement System established by Chapter 84 of Title 5, U.S.C., and any equivalent Government retirement plan;

FERS employee means any employee covered by FERS or any equivalent Government retirement plan;

F Fund means the Fixed Income Investment Fund established under 5 U.S.C. 8438(b)(1)(B);

G Fund means the Government Securities Investment Fund established under 5 U.S.C. 8438(b)(1)(A);

Government basic contributions means any contributions made under 5 U.S.C. 8432(c)(1) or 5 U.S.C. 8432(c)(3);

Government matching contributions means any contributions made under 5 U.S.C. 8432(c)(2);

Investment Fund means the G Fund, the F Fund, or the C Fund;

Judge means a judge of the United States, as defined in 28 U.S.C. 451;

Justice means a justice of the United States, as defined in 28 U.S.C. 451;

Open season means the period during which participants may elect to begin making contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan, or change the rate of contributions, or discontinue (without losing the right to recommence contributions the next open season) the amount currently being contributed to the Thrift Savings Plan;

Participant means any person with an individual account in the Thrift Savings Fund;

Recordkeeper means the organization designated by the Board as the Plan's recordkeeper;

Thrift Savings Fund or *Fund* means the Fund described in 5 U.S.C. 8437;

Thrift Savings Plan or *Plan* means the Federal Retirement Thrift Savings Plan established by the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986, codified in pertinent part at 5 U.S.C. 8431–8440, 8471–8479.

§ 1620.82 Periods for making or changing contributions.

(a) *Initial Election Period.* Any justice or judge who is receiving basic pay may elect to make contributions to the Plan during a special election period beginning on November 15, 1988 and continuing through January 13, 1989, which is the 60-day period immediately following the effective date of the Act. Any properly completed election forms that are accepted by the payroll office during this 60-day period will be effective no later than the next pay period beginning after the date of acceptance.

(b) *Subsequent Election Periods.* For every election period that begins after the beginning date of the initial election period described in paragraph (a) of this action, including the election period from January 1, 1989 through January 31, 1989, justices and judges are subject to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 8432(b) and part 1600 of 5 CFR, and may choose to stop, start, or change their rate of contribution to the Plan in accordance with those provisions and applicable regulations. Accordingly, justices and judges who are appointed after January 13, 1989, and who were not previously eligible to make contributions to the Plan, must wait until the second election period after they are appointed to make contributions to the Plan.

§ 1620.83 Contributions to the Plan.

(a) Pursuant to section 401 of the Act, justices and judges may contribute an amount up to 5 percent of basic pay per pay period to the Plan. For purposes of these contributions, "basic pay" has the same meaning as that contained in